

SENATE RESOLUTION 29

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Kodak Heritage Day on May 19, 2007, in Kodak, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause in its deliberations to join with the cities and counties that comprise this great State in celebrating joyous and historic occasions; and

WHEREAS, the scenic community of Kodak, Tennessee, and its citizens are most assuredly deserving of special recognition, as they celebrate Kodak Heritage Day on May 19, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the history of the Kodak community is tied to the earliest history of our State, as early settlers, including John Sevier, Alexander Outlaw, and Daniel Kennedy, were responsible for the negotiation of the Treaty of Dumplin Creek with members of the Cherokee tribe, including King of the Cherokee, Ancoo of Chota; Abraham of Chilhowee, The Sturgeon of Tallassee, and others; and

WHEREAS, this treaty was signed at Hugh Henry's Station, an early outpost for travelers, on June 10, 1785, ultimately becoming the only treaty signed by the State of Franklin and permitting peaceful settlement of present day Sevier, Blount, and Knox counties by settlers of European origin; and

WHEREAS, present day Kodak remained rural and sparsely settled for many years after the signing of the treaty, until Harvey Underwood established a general store in the small community and petitioned the federal government for permission to operate a post office in his store; and

WHEREAS, appointed as local postmaster on May 5, 1892, by U.S. Postmaster General John Wanamaker, Mr. Underwood was also asked to choose a name, as the community did not have an official name; and

WHEREAS, spying a box of Kodak film, which had only been commercially available for two years, the name "Kodak" was chosen, because Mr. Underwood said the name was "easy to speak and easy to spell." No less than Mr. George Eastman granted permission to use the name of his fledgling company for the name of this northern Sevier County village; and

WHEREAS, Harvey Underwood would also utilize the name in his establishment of the Kodak Flour Mill, the first flour mill operated in Sevier County; and

WHEREAS, today the residents of Kodak are justifiably proud of their heritage and special sense of community, coming together to celebrate their past, present, and future with Kodak Heritage Day; and

WHEREAS, co-sponsored by the Friends of Kodak Library and the Northview Optimist Club at the Northview Optimist Club Park in Kodak on May 19, 2007, the event will feature good food, storytelling, old-time spelling bees, old-time craft exhibits, a horseshoe tournament, lively music showcasing bluegrass, bagpipers, and dulcimer players, as well as similar events; and

WHEREAS, historic Kodak is one of the great communities in Tennessee, and it is most appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor this fine community and its citizenry as they proudly acknowledge their past and celebrate their wonderful heritage; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we join with the citizens of the City of Kodak as they celebrate "Kodak Heritage Day" on May 19, 2007, and extend to them our best wishes for continued success and prosperity in their historic community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.